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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

FOOD SECRETARIAT

Directs that *Ad-hoc* Committee for Edible Oils and Oilseeds constituted in Government Order, dated 27th February 1942, be abolished.

READ—

Government Order No. S. D. 7139-70—C. 22-46-175, dated 27th February 1947, constituting an *Ad-hoc* Committee for considering questions relating to control of prices and distribution of oil and oilseeds in Mysore.,

2. Government Notification No. S. D. 8204—C. 22-46-198, dated 8rd April 1947, directing that control over the prices and movement of edible oils and oilseeds except cocoanut oil, be withdrawn until further orders.

ORDER No. S. D. 630-61—C. 22-46-224, DATED BANGALORE, THE 21ST JULY 1947.

Government are pleased to direct that the *Ad-hoc* Committee constituted in the Government Order of 27th February 1947, read above, be abolished.

A. S. KHALEEL, *Secy., Food Dept.*

EDUCATION SECRETARIAT

Directs that the Candidates selected for Overseas Training be permitted to travel by Air if they are prepared to meet the difference of cost between the Second Class (Sea) fare and Air Passage.

O. M. No. E. 914-984—EDN. 109-45-895, DATED BANGALORE, THE 26TH JULY 1947.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

Government have selected more than one hundred candidates for Overseas training during the years 1945-46 and 1946-47. The candidates are eligible for Second Class Passage. But cases of candidates applying for air passage in lieu of Second Class Passage are becoming common, on some plea or the other, some on the ground that they would not be able to reach their place of study in time if they were to travel by a ship and others on the ground that no seats are available in ships. It is very difficult to distinguish one case from the other and show exemption. It is the duty of the candidate to secure passage in time and conform to the facilities admissible under the rules.

As the grant of Air Passage instead of Second Class Passage by sea would involve heavy expenditure, Government direct that the candidates who want air passage instead of the Second Class Sea Passage be permitted to travel by air if they are prepared to meet the difference of cost between the Second Class (Sea) fare and Air Passage by themselves, or if they are willing to the difference being treated as a loan to be repaid by them on their return, out of their salary in suitable instalments.

In the case of lady candidates, however, air passage may be permitted and the cost thereof may be met by Government, as a special case, if they are financially unable to meet it.

K. THIPPERUDRIAH, *Edn. Secy.*

Issues instruction *re* the appointment of over-aged candidates.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 1181-230—G. F. 14-22-1, dated 30th August 1922, delegating among others the power to appoint persons over twenty-five years of age in exceptional cases, to certain Heads of Departments.

2. Letter R. O. C. No. 418, dated 5th November 1946, from the Registrar, High Court of Mysore, stating that the power delegated in the matter of granting exemption to the appointment of persons over the age of twenty-five years, has been vetoed by the Public Service Commissioner and requesting that suitable instructions in the matter may be issued to him.

3. Letter No. 3918, dated the 24th February 1947, from the Public Service Commissioner, submitting detailed proposals regarding the appointment of over-aged candidates and grant of exemption from the prescribed age limit.

4. The proceedings of the meeting of the Standing Committee for Recruitment, held on 12th May 1947, passing the following resolution :—

"That in exceptional cases, Heads of Departments or Unit Officers might appoint temporarily over-aged candidates, but they should report the same simultaneously to the Public Service Commissioner and obtain sanction of Government through him and that in no case should appointments of over-aged candidates made by Heads of Departments be continued for more than three months without making such report to the Public Service Commissioner."

ORDER NO. E. 748 830—R. & P. S. 46-46-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 24TH JULY 1947

Government are pleased to accept the resolution of the Standing Committee for Recruitment and direct that the Heads of Departments and Unit Officers should take action accordingly.

K. THIPPERUDRIAH, *Edn. Secy.*

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Passes orders on the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Audit Report and Appropriation Accounts for the year 1945-46.

READ—

Audit Report and Appropriation Accounts for the year 1945-46, received from the Comptroller to Government, with his letter No. 322—B. 2. dated the 3rd March 1947 and 1581—Books dated the 14th March 1947.

2. Report of the Public Accounts Committee thereon.

ORDER NO. FL. 737-806—G. F. 199-46-8, DATED BANGALORE, THE 25TH JULY 1947.

Recorded.

2. *Appropriation Accounts.*—The percentage of total savings under voted grants during 1945-1946 was 35·22 against 22·81 during the previous year. The savings were mostly due to shortage of labour and non-availability or non-receipt of machinery for which orders had been placed.

3. Excesses over grants were reported under 13 voted heads, the aggregate amount of the excesses being Rs. 1,05,60,220, which represents 15·17 per cent of the total appropriation as against 16·33 per cent in the previous year. Excluding the contribution to Funds (which are not real items of expenditure), the percentage of excess under actual expenditure will be only about 7 per cent of the total. The large excesses under Industrial Works are due mainly to increased purchases of raw materials under Sandal Oil Factory, Mysore Silk Weaving Factory, Electric Factory and Mysore Implements Factory. The excess under Railways is mainly due to an additional contribution of Rs. 10 lakhs to the Depreciation Fund.

The Committee has also examined the cases for the excesses under the several heads and recommended that the excesses be passed. A schedule of demands for excess grants on account of the above was accordingly presented to the Legislative Council on the 30th June 1947, and all the demands were passed.

4. With regard to the excess expenditure reported under non-voted heads, Government direct that the excesses as under be passed :—

		Rs.
1.	12 General Administration ...	31,370
2.	15 Pensions and Allowances ...	86,701
3.	Extraordinary Expenditure ...	20
	Total ...	1,18,091

Government direct that Departments should make every endeavour to utilise the grants to the fullest extent possible during the period of sanction and minimise lapses of grants voted by the Legislature.

In this connection, the Director of Public Instruction is requested to examine to what extent the Grant for Elementary Education could be treated as an outright grant in consultation with the Comptroller and submit for orders of Government detailed proposals in the matter.

The Committee has observed that with a view to popularise the Industrial Loans the existing rules require relaxation. The Director of Industries and Commerce is accordingly requested to examine the question and submit proposals for consideration by Government.

Audit Report.—The Committee has observed that arrangements should be made to provide the necessary staff to the Comptroller and there have also been discussions on this question in both the Houses of the Legislature. The whole question of recruitment to the Accounts Department is under the active consideration of Government and how best the recruitment position of the Audit Department could be improved will be examined separately.

Government regret to note that in spite of repeated observations there has been delay in closing the work accounts and direct that prompt action should be taken to see that the works are closed with the least possible delay.

Regarding outstanding objections relating to the Public Works Department, Government trust that in view of the constitution of a separate Audit Branch for the Public Works Department, the Chief Engineers will avail themselves of the technical advice of the Auditor and see that such irregularities are minimised.

It has been observed by the Committee that in the future reports the accounts of the Food Department should contain information regarding total quantity of food grains imported, details of loss, etc. Government direct that the report of future years should contain a statement, showing the quantity of each kind of food grain imported, the purchase price, freight and other charges, the selling price and subsidy involved. Details of loss on account of shortage, driage or deterioration, in the case of these subsidised articles may also be separately furnished.

The following additional information relating to Food Department may also be given in the Audit and Appropriation Report of future years :—

(1) the total number of irregularities,

(2) the number of depots involved, and

(3) the total amount involved.

As regards audit of depots in the Food Department, Government observe that the audit should be more effective considering the magnitude of transactions. A statement showing the number of depots audited, the period covered during the audit and the number of depots, left unaudited at the end of the year with explanations thereon might also be included in the reports of future years as desired by the Committee.

M. SHAMANNA, *Fl. Secy.*